

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

FCC Chairman Michael Powell's "argument" that the original rules are outmoded and irrelevant is no argument at all. The fact that diversity seems to have flourished in spite of attempts so far by media conglomerates to control the transmission marketplace is no justification for doing away with the rules altogether and allowing those media conglomerates to consolidate and increase their power even further.